

Pamber Heath Village News

An occasional newsletter written by Raymond West ©

August, 2001 to December, 2001

September, 2001

Demolition of historic shed at Pamber Heath Stores

I noticed that the large shed that had existed to the side and rear of Pamber Heath Stores in Church Road for about 100 years, was in the process of being dismantled during the week ending Saturday the 15th of September. The shed was used originally as the stable for the horse belonging to former owner William Benham, the shopkeeper there in the early 1900s. The photograph on the right shows the shed as it looked in the early 1900s, sited directly behind the shop. This is the rear view from Church Road. The shed included a store above with an open hatchway, just over the entrance, to facilitate the loading of hay etc. The construction was of wooden planks on a timber frame. The shed is being removed presumably to make room for the building of the planned new house close to the rear of the stores, which I had been told about recently. Well, another piece of Pamber Heath's history has gone forever and I don't suppose it will be the last.



August, 2001 Village loses policeman as well as police house

The village policeman Rock Chertman is to be the final Pamber Heath policeman and the police house in Burney Bit is to cease being a police house as no further police presence is expected. I have no news as to why we have lost our village policeman but I suspect that it is due to financial savings but it will mean police in Tadley covering an ever-wider area at a time when most people would like to see increasing numbers of police on the streets - not less. This major change was kept very quiet and it seems no villagers had a chance to have a say about this before it happened.



The news items on this page were published on my web site but are grouped together in this PDF document

October, 2001 Pamber Heath History book published

My book about the history of Pamber Heath has been published and will be on sale in the local shops as well as at Tadley Instruments in Mulfords Hill, Tadley for the benefit of the people of that area. Over 300 photographs are included and there are diary entries, memories and extracts from old maps. 750 copies were printed as an initial print run. The book is priced at £9.

December, 2001

Barbara Agnes Rose Stroud loses her battle with cancer

Barbara Stroud of Pamber Heath lost her battle with breast cancer and sadly passed to her rest on the 22nd of December, 2001 peacefully at St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke. She had been ill for some time but despite courses of treatment, her condition became terminal. She was born in 1928 - the daughter of Alfred and Edith Miles, formerly of Pamber Heath, and married Jack (William) Stroud in 1949. She leaves Jack and children Pamela (my wife), David, Robert and Christopher.

December, 2001

Nancy Elizabeth Mitchell remembered

A person who had lived in Pamber Heath most of their life has sadly departed this world. Nancy passed away peacefully at the Arkle Lodge Nursing Home in Overton on the 22nd of December, 2001. She was the last remaining member of an old Pamber Heath family that had lived in the village since the late 1800s. The daughter of Charles and Alice Stroud, formerly of Burney Bit, Nancy married Joseph Mitchell in 1935 and in recent years had lived in a bungalow at Burney Bit before entering a nursing home. She lost her husband many years ago and now leaves a daughter Joan and son, Alan. The funeral will take place on the 2nd of January, 2002 at 12.45pm, Basingstoke Crematorium.